

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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In an apparatus capable of image capturing having a preview function for monitor-outputting an image before capturing an image to be recorded, an image processing section including a band correcting section for controlling the frequency characteristic of color data constituting image data, a gamma correcting section for controlling the gradation characteristic of image data, a pixel interpolating section for interpolating pixels with unknown data of each color data constituting the image data, and an exposure control section for controlling an exposure setting value, the apparatus being able to set a capture image size, an image data compression rate or a subject image recording mode before capturing an image, a specified control means is selected in the image processing section according to the capture image size, the image data compression rate or the image recording mode set before capturing the image. As a result, when an image captured with the setting of a small capture image size is outputted in a specified output size, an image provided with a more appropriate characteristic for appreciation can be obtained and the reduction in image quality due to data compression can be suppressed.

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